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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Also included on bracket 10, at the upper end of first leg 12, is a generally upwardly-facing support surface 29 for limiting downward movement of a cover that is positioned above a gutter for preventing the entry into the gutter of leaves and other gutter-clogging debris. Support surface 29 is preferably flat and can be defined by a laterally-extending flange 31 that extends between and interconnects flanges 20 and 22. Support surface 29 is inclined relative to mounting surface 16 at an inclination angle of from about 85° to about 60°, and can be inclined at an inclination angle of about 75°.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Gutter 66 includes overlying cover 68, which is a substantially flat panel that extends from gutter rear wall 80 to a cover forward end 86 and then curves inwardly to form a rounded end 104, around which water flows into gutter 66. End panel 88 of cover 68 is a flat panel that is secured to respective brackets 10 by screws 90. End panel 88 includes an end edge 92 that is received on respective stop surfaces 54 of brackets 10. Stop surfaces 54 accurately position the front edge of cover 68 so that cover forward end 86 is uniformly spaced from gutter upper front edge 82 along the entire length of the assembled gutter. The end of cover 68 adjacent to building 74 has an upturned lip 94 that is secured to fascia board 70 by a series of spaced screws 96. Additionally, that end of cover 68 is also supported on its inwardly-facing surface in a vertical direction by support surfaces 29 of respective spaced brackets 10.